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Applicant : Deung-Mo Che et al.
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Title : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HOT ROLLED STEEL SHEET USING
MINI MILL PROCESS

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 27, 2002

In response to the action mailed February 27, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Preferably, a width roller 22 is mounted upstream from the first descaler 18a for controlling a width of the slabs before the descaling operation. At this time, the slabs are width-rolled based on a thickness of the slabs, and the width roller 22 enables the width of the slabs to be rolled up to roughly 14-15 mm. Further, by the width rolling of the slabs before the descaling operation, cracks are formed on the scales such that the subsequent descaling of the slabs is improved. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 8, 16, 20.

Please amend claims 1, 6, 13, 16, 18, 20 as follows:

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